



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## DRIER WEAHER PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR PLANTING FIELD CROPS, HAY HARVEST

In West Tennessee, drier weather and warmer temperatures afforded producers the opportunity to make quick advancement of planting corn, cotton, and soybeans. Cotton and soybean plantings were expected to be finished in some areas by next week. Some replanting of corn and soybeans took place because of earlier wet weather which caused poor stands. Wheat is beginning to turn color and was expected to mature over the next few weeks. Cattle and pastures were in good to excellent condition in most areas while some pastures have gone to seed in others. The weather was great for cutting hay. In a few areas, however, rain and damp mornings made hay harvest challenging. Crops were reported in good condition. Other activities included herbicide applications and side-dressing corn with nitrogen. Drier weather in Middle Tennessee allowed hay cuttings to progress well. Producers hope for rain in the coming weeks to improve chances for a good second hay cutting. Some fields were beginning to dry out. Great yields on wheat hay were reported. Corn and soybean planting were both active. Tobacco transplanting has begun. Pastures could use moisture as grazing increases. In East Tennessee, rain is needed for many of the fruit crops. Hay harvest was active and soybean planting continued. There were 6.3 days suitable for field work, last week. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent very short, 25 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2020	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn - Planted	94	86	85	93	Pasture	1	8	34	49	8
Corn – Emerged	78	66	69	81	Winter Wheat	0	3	19	55	23
Cotton – Planted	70	24	44	67						
Cotton – Squaring	0	N/A	0	1						
Soybeans – Planted	55	38	38	45						
Soybeans – Emerged	33	18	20	23						
Winter Wheat – Headed	97	92	100	98						
Winter Wheat – Coloring	41	2	42	43						